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# **Celebrate the Bay: Earth Day 2002**

**WHERE:** At the end of Shoreline Parkway, East San Rafael (off East Francisco Blvd)

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 21  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**WHAT:** In conjunction with the regional Earth Day theme of *Celebrate the Bay*, Marin County is hosting a celebration and restoration of San Rafael's Bay Trail.

Learn about shoreline ecology and native habitats. Interpretative walks led by local naturalists Jean Starkweather and Gil Thomson will leave from Shoreline Parkway at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Spanish interpretative nature walks led by Augusto Conde (Pt. Reyes National Seashore Park Ranger) and Gerick Bergsman (Point Reyes Bird Observatory) will also be taking place (times to be announced).

BI-Lingual hands-on restoration work led by Marin Conservation Corps and the Bay Institute will be in progress from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bring your gloves (if you have them) and join in on these important efforts.

Meet community organizations. Informational booths from Marin Conservation League, Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Institute, Marin Conservation Corps, Marin Bicycle Coalition and others will help mark Earth Day from Shoreline Parkway.

A good time, shared by all! Lively, traditional bluegrass music will be performed live by *Bluegrass Contraption* throughout the day.

**WHO:** San Rafael's Bay Trail is a collaborative effort between the City of San Rafael, Marin Conservation League, Marin Conservation Corps and community volunteers. Financial support comes from the Coastal Conservancy, Marin Community Foundation, Marin County Wildlife and Fisheries Committee, Marin Builder's Exchange and other corporate partners.

**ALSO:** In Novato on April 20, Marin Audubon has wetland restoration efforts off Atherton and on April 27, Clean & Green project, sponsored by the Marin Conservation League will take place in Scottsdale Marsh.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact the Marin Conservation League at (415) 485-6257 for additional information.